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IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO LEARN GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP



At the end of the game between the Drayton Valley Timbitt Tigers and the Stony Plain Timbitt team, all the players were reminded to shake hands with their opponents before skating off the ice. Drayton Valley hosted a Mites/Initiation tournament over the January 9-10 weekend that saw four-year-olds compete with one another and the five and six-year-olds compete against each other. Thirteen teams in total from Drayton Valley and the surrounding area took part in the tournament. In the end, the Drayton Valley Monarch Minotons took gold medals while the Leduc team took silver.

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News

George Clark speaks at DV Legion



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George Clark, the Calgary businessman who is spearheading the collection of thousands of signatures on two petitions for plebiscites was speaking to businessmen and farmers Jan. 7.

Cathy Westman
Western Review

George Clark, a businessman from the Calgary area and the man intent upon getting Rachel Notley and her government to step down through thousands of signatures on petitions for plebiscites against Bill C6 (farm legislation) and the Carbon Tax bill, made a stop at the Drayton Valley Legion Hall on January 7.

Clark's volunteers were still busy collecting signatures at the back of the Legion Hall as well as items for the local food bank before he spoke to the audience of local farmers and business owners.

Leading off the evening was Corinne Erickson, who had been busy for the past several weeks obtaining signatures throughout the community on these petitions.

Following the singing of O Canada, resident Amanda Townsend and Linda Hartum both stood up to explain why they were volunteering.

Townsend said she and her husband are business owners in the county.

"Our business has been cut by at least 50 per cent...and I've watched our customers' lives being turned upside down. I can't sit back and watch the people I care about suffer. I can't do nothing. This is all I can do and that's why I'm doing it."

Linda Hartum said she and her husband Peter have been farming for over 40 years in the Drayton Valley, Seba Beach and Tomahawk areas and before that, both their fam-

ilies homesteaded. The couple also has two sons who both work in the oil and gas industry, and they have also been affected by the economic downturn.

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By way of a background, Clark explained how he became interested in doing what is right and that has to do with his mother dying in the fall of 2014. She told him, "George, you really, really have to do everything you do based out of love."

"I took it, of course, to heart," said Clark, adding that when you do that, you do not go astray.

He noted that throughout his childhood he gained a lot of knowledge through reading books and listening to radio programs at night and decided to put what he learned to good use.

"Information is only good if you use it," said Clark.

He predicted in January that the NDP were going to win power on May 5 election and started looking at what that was going to mean for Alberta.

"I started researching more and more other information, and I got pretty scared, literally, for the future of my own family, I was the future of all of my friends, and for the future of all of my fellow Albertans. And following that message of love, I could not ignore the impact it was going to have on them. So I thought there has to be a way to get my voice out there. I'm not a politician, I'm not a student...I can't go and control any crowd in downtown Calgary. I can't do anything initially except try and prevent what the socialist side seems to have total control over - social media."

"All you ever saw was the young socialists that were telling us how bad we were and how they were going to fix it for us. And they were so crazy, but most of us were sitting on our hands. We were busy working - a lot of us - at the time - and so what do you do? So I started in early March and April putting out a message saying the silent majority has to become the 'Silent No More' Movement."

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Written submissions will be accepted until **Friday, February 26, 2016.**

Select Submitter Rights and Responsibilities: Submitters will receive 900-1111 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T6A 6K4. For more information, contact the committee at 780-514-2200 or ethics@assembly.ab.ca.

Note: Submissions and identities of authors may be made public.



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NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
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News

Mat program needs volunteers

Michelle Lillis
Western Review

The Mat program is keeping busy for the winter and is in need of volunteers.

The program is running at least twice a week out of United Church of Canada in Drayton Valley and can go up to four times a week whenever there are enough volunteers.

"We are increasing our volunteer numbers. We are getting some, we are losing some, we always need more," said Lillis.

She said the program is a place where women and young mothers can meet, share experiences and receive support. The program is currently about 14 volunteers with about five others who are training and the ideal number is higher, Lillis said.

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The economic downturn hasn't had a lot of impact on the program.

"We know that people are staying in and back at work, so we are seeing a few more people than we haven't seen before because of the economic downturn, but it hasn't been all of the good things have opened," said Lillis.

She explained in a rural area such as Drayton Valley it is difficult to put an exact number of homeless because the population is sparse.

"In places like the city you have homeless shelters and popular areas where people naturally tend to congregate. You can actually count them but in a community like Drayton Valley where the population is not as dense like it is in the city, we can maybe see evidence of homelessness, but we can't necessarily go out and count it because it's not hidden," she said.

To make people more aware of the program there are business-sized cards being circulated in the area.

"On one side it says 'Do you need a safe place to sleep at night?' And on the other side it gives info about the community support program," she said.

The program can help more people once there are sufficient volunteers.

"We know that we are not helping as many people as we could be and we don't know if people are just not aware of the Mat program or if it's because people who could be using the program are wary of the program for whatever reason, or if it's just because we are not able to provide consistent enough nights at the shelter," she said.

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Fallen 4 Marathon postponed until 2017

Kathleen Chisholm
Whitcourt Star

The annual Fallen 4 Marathon has been postponed until 2017 after the event lost a major sponsor at the end of 2015.

Tina Prodianuk, Fallen 4 Marathon Society chairperson, said the committee made the decision to postpone the event after the most recent three-year sponsorship agreement with Alliance Pipeline came to an end last year. Organizers decided to give potential new sponsors more time to step up.

"As a committee, we thought we would try to take it apart and find some smaller sponsors because [Alliance] was a really large chunk," Prodianuk said. "There's a \$25,000 sponsorship to put your name on it. We tried separating it and we got a few calls, but nothing substantial."

Alliance spokesperson Alan Roth said the company has always been, and can be, a proud supporter of the communities where we operate, and Whitcourt is no exception.

He added that a revised community funding program, focused on safety, is in development and will be announced later this year.

"The Fallen 4 event could again be considered under the new program, but it is too soon to be able to say for sure," he said.

Given the time constraints and current fiscal climate, she said it was tough to look for new sponsors for "a pretty large event."

The committee then decided to put the marathon on hold for 2016 to give another major sponsor the chance to come forward instead of cancelling the event altogether.

"We didn't want to get rid of our society status in case there was somebody willing to do that," said Prodianuk.

Although the marathon isn't going for good, the news of the postponement still came as a let-down to local participant Karen Prodianuk. She has just one of the 15,000 people who took part in the 2015 race.

"It is disappointing but not surprising with the economy being what it is right now," she said in an email.

Roth also said she ran the marathon when it first started and she said she can come a long way since then.

"The race has come a long way since then," she said.

Mauro Bisset is another local Fallen 4 participant who ran with

the Standard General team for the relay event for four consecutive years.

"We're kind of sad because it was always a nice run to do and get the whole community involved," she said.

Prodianuk said the Fallen 4 committee will still be active in the community and helping out where they can even though they won't be hosting the marathon this year.

For example, the committee will sponsor the new Eastlink Park ski hill in Whitcourt for their grand opening as well as the Family Day holiday in February.

Since the marathon started to honor the four RCMP officers killed in the line of duty in May 2006, Prodianuk said more than \$200,000 has been given back to the community.

She also said the marathon committee has no intention of permanently ending the Fallen 4 Marathon.

"We're always looking for new players and new people for our committees if there are people who are interested in pushing this forward and making sure that in 2017 it does come back," she said.

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News

George Clark speaks to business owners, farmers at Drayton Valley Legion Jan. 7

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"And that as we know is true, because they've made it worse. They made it far worse, and I knew in advance that they were going to make it worse."

He also spoke about what he called a strange coincidence that occurred during his visit with his dying mother.

"On the night of October 18, the same night as my mother was giving me her message, Rachel Notley won the leadership of the NDP party."

After the election, Clark explained, when a CTV reporter asked Notley what really made a difference in getting her where she is today, she replied that of everything she did, all of the letters, and emails to the Premier's office, would never make a lick of difference, but 500 people getting together and marching in protest could never be ignored.

"So she gave me on that night the best tip what I knew needed to happen to provide an adequate resistance to what I knew she intended on doing with her policies. And I started to make a bit more noise, especially on Facebook. But I discovered you can only get so far on Facebook. You get a set number of people fol-

lowing you and at the end of the day, it's like listening chords, you're preaching to the converted. So what I started doing is looking for other things and there was an amazing group of other Albertans who, on their own, decided to, for the next four years, let the socialist government impose their will. We know what they're going to do from their election campaign, and there's not much we can do about that. But we also know they're going to go far beyond what they've put forward in that election campaign."

"So four people outside their truck and made some flags and some hokey signs that said 'Stand up for Alberta' and Julie Franz and Wayne Marlett drove all over the province in September telling people, 'Look people, you can't just sit back and let this happen. You have a duty to stand up for Alberta, to impose the will of the people back on this socialist government. And they started holding rallies. The first rallies, a couple hundred people came out. And they did something really unique. They said their piece, but then they invited members of the audience to come up and share with them how this government was already impacting them in their daily lives," noted Clark, "and we started hearing some real tragic stories."

Clark also spoke about the hypocrisy of some politicians and started doing something about it. After he was not allowed back in a building in Calgary where the federal leader's debate was being held, he walked down the street to meet a friend and discovered that NDP candidate Thomas Mulcair's bus had been running for six hours on a 18 plus degree day and was only used to transport Mulcair from the airport to the debate and back. Clark took a 50 second video of the running bus and posted it on Facebook.

"So you've got to think to yourself these are the people that are going to tell us that what we need to do is we're bad because we're leaving too big of a carbon foot print. Here's this hypocrite running his bus," said Clark. The video received 40,000 views by the following morning and was watched by 275,000 people within a week.

"And it's been what I've been telling people all along. Start speaking up. Say what you really want to say. If you see something really ridiculous, snap a picture or video and put it up because you never know what's going to grab the public's attention and get them to suddenly have that 'ouch' moment that you know what? This idiot really doesn't

deserve our vote. Our opposition to the (federal) NDP party was heard right across the country. What we did is we drove all of the vote that was destined for the NDP over to young Justin. And once again, that's something we're going to have to live with. He's very much an accidental prime minister just like Rachel Notley is an accidental premier. So it comes to a point - what in the heck do we do about it?"

Clark then detailed plans to present the petitions for public releases on February 9, the next sitting of the Alberta Legislature, to Lieutenant-Governor Lois Mitchell under an older section of the Election Act. If she doesn't accept the petitions, Clark said he believes he can have Notley and her

government removed from office legally and democratically. "If she doesn't listen to the will of the people, she will be removed from office," said Clark.

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Drever returns to caucus

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Calgary - Calgary-Bow MLA Deborah Drever is returning to Alberta's NDP Caucus, announced Government House Leader Brian Mason.

Mason said Drever has proven herself to be a compassionate, hardworking and smart legislator, focused on making Alberta a better place.

On behalf of Premier Rachel Notley, I am proud to welcome Deborah back to our team as we work toward a better, stronger, more resilient province for all Albertans by supporting jobs and families," said Mason.

Mason said Drever has been a strong representative for her constituents, tackling issues such as the West Ring Road, and traffic and pedestrian safety.

"Deborah's values reflect those of our Alberta NDP caucus members. I know she brings a tremendous amount of energy and enthusiasm to our caucus. Drever said she welcomes the opportunity to rejoin the caucus, and continue to stand up for residents of Calgary-Bow."

"I am proud to be part of a caucus that puts Alberta families first," said Drever. "I am committed to continue working for my constituents to make sure they are heard, and served, at all times."

Last fall, Drever championed a bill that allowed abused spouses to break a lease if their children are in danger of violence. The bill passed with unanimous all-party support.

"My Private Member's Bill was a first step - we have much more work to do to support survivors of domestic violence and end violence against women. I am dedicated to that work, and look forward to continuing that conversation on the ground and in the legislature," said Drever.

Mason said MLA Drever's return has been well received, and Alberta's NDP caucus is united and focused on working for all Albertans.

"Together, our caucus of 54 passionate, dedicated New Democrats will provide the leadership Albertans count on, on the issues that matter most."

News

Bobs and LoLo are coming to Drayton Valley

MAISON LITTE
Western Review

If you have children at home, chances are you are familiar with sing-along series Bobs and LoLo.

Both women are the creators and stars of the upbeat, musical preschool series - Sing, Dance and Play with Bobs & LoLo.

Both Robyn Hardy who plays Bobs and Lorraine Pond who plays LoLo will be performing live for families in the area at Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre in February.

Both women are coming to Drayton Valley for the first time and have other Alberta stops on their agenda such as Leduc, Camrose, St. Albert and Fort Saskatchewan; a short tour after they finish touring some parts of Ontario.

"We travel a little less than we have in previous years because we started family so I have a two-year-old and a four-year-old and Bobs has an 18-month-old so it's definitely made touring a little more challenging but also fun. We often take our families with us," said Pond.

Touring is their favourite part of the job. "Tour, live performance is by far the favourite parts of what we do. We try to make it work and get out there in different communities with families as much as we can," said Pond.

Performing live means both children and families

get involved, not only during the performance, but also after when the performers meet and greet and take pictures with their young fans.

"We try to make our shows as interactive as possible. We are performing for the little guys and they haven't really developed the sense of self yet, so they are such an amazing audience to perform for because they are so engaged and they are so in the moment so there is a lot of interactivity," said Pond.

Dancing and singing is not just for the children but also moms, dads, uncles, aunts and grandparents.

Families can expect a mix of some of the songs from the first time and have other Alberta stops on their agenda such as Leduc, Camrose, St. Albert and Fort Saskatchewan; a short tour after they finish touring some parts of Ontario.

"We were born and raised on Vancouver island and Bobs and I first met each other at a Girl Guides camp when we were kids so we met each other, became friends, singing around the campfire. We never imagined that years later we would end up writing children's music together," said Pond.

According to their website they were named Canada's Favourite Kids' Entertainers in a nationwide poll by CBC Music. The duo is dedicated to connecting children to nature with music, movement and make-believe.



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Creators and stars of musical preschool series - Sing, Dance and Play with Bobs and LoLo, Robyn Hardy and Lorraine Pond are coming to Drayton Valley.

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Our editorial

Economy snags another victim in Drayton Valley

The economic downturn has snagged another victim of sorts.

This time it took down the Drayton Valley Wildcats hockey team of the North Central Hockey League.

After taking a one-year hiatus, the team returned to the ice last fall but had struggled and were in last place in the league when it was announced on January 3 that the team could not continue.

The biggest question after receiving the news of the team's demise was "Why?" According to league president George Vanberg, the team couldn't get enough players for games because of work commitments. Many of the Drayton Valley players work in the oil and gas sector, so they had to choose between work and playing hockey. Vanberg said many chose to work. And rightly so.

A second answer to the question "Why?" according to Wildcats president Lanny Patten, is a lack of financial support for the team. The Wildcats ran into trouble before Christmas when there were not enough players to go to the games, and every time they don't show, that costs the team money. Subsequently the Board

of Directors decided to cancel the season instead of spending the rest of the team's money. Patten said nobody was happy about the decision, but again it was the right thing to do.

There can be no doubt that the Wildcats won't be the only team to fold in the next six months. With the Loonie dropping lower practically every day and the price of a barrel of oil likewise dropping, businesses have to protect their investments and their employees the best they can. If that means companies can no longer afford to support community events and teams, it's sad but it's also understandable.

If it's any consolation, the annual Fallen 4 Marathon held in Mayerthorpe each year to honour the four Mounties killed in action has been postponed for a year when the committee lost one of their major sponsors at the end of 2015. The committee is still planning to go ahead with the marathon in 2017 and will continue to keep active in the community.

Maybe a year will make a difference after all. One can only hope.



When the right time comes?



Justine's Journey
Justine Klimonda

Do you believe in timing? Is there really such a thing as the right time? The right time to do something or to say something? How do we know when is the right time? Do we always have to wait for when we think we are ready? What if we'll never be ready? Why can't we just do or say something at any time? Will the outcome really be different depending on when we do or say it?

I really cannot figure out this timing thing. I do not know if I am just a really impatient person or one who acts impulsively. When I think of something or feel something I want to say or do, I say and do it right then and there. I usually panic afterwards though, because I feel like I had been irrational with my actions. Doing and saying

things without considering the proper timing has not been a good idea based on experience. I am not going to be giving you any specific examples of instances when I have acted impulsively but so far, the results are not something I am hoping for.

I should really think about thinking things through before doing something or saying anything to someone. I

always say to myself that if I don't do it or say it now, when will I ever go to do or say it? What if there is no other chance? What if I miss the right moment? I think, for me, I would rather regret doing and saying things prematurely than regretting missing the chance of doing or saying something. I always justify my actions by saying, "It's just me being brave," but then again, I could be wrong. Maybe I should learn the virtue of being patient. Because often times, when I decide to do or say something, I am ready to do or say it, but I am not ready for the outcome. So maybe, aside from being ready to do or say something, I should also wait until I am ready and prepared to accept the consequences of my actions and words.

Letter to the editor

Urgent request – To all citizens

As of Feb/16, all the laws against physician-assisted death will be struck down and there will be no laws governing it. I urge you to contact your federal MP to make your voice heard that you oppose your medical profession becoming

ing executioners. We also ask that you urge your MP to request the Supreme Court for an extension of the Feb 4 deadline to make a new law regulating physician-assisted death, so our new government will not have time to put a law in place by then.

Thank you
Cecile Hiltz
D.V. Respect for Life

Striving for stability in 2016

2015 was certainly not a year that lacked political news in Alberta. It was a year that saw unprecedented political change, both federally and provincially. After 44 years of single party rule, Albertans took a jump into the unknown. A jump that is very much like skydiving: once you jump you can't change your mind until you reach the bottom. In this case the bottom is still 3-1/2 years away.

It's said that "there is nothing that motivates an Alberta voter like good old fashioned anger." The anger expressed at the polls in Alberta towards a 44 year old government, measured a 10.0 on the Richter scale that saw the scale tip from the right to the far left. The anger towards the Alberta government in most cases was justified. It came from a tired and worn-out bureaucratic organization that simply lost touch with the average Albertan's values.

Just like when an earthquake occurs, the landscape changes, sometimes it changes drastically. The drastic change we saw in Alberta appears to have changed the landscape from one unstable formation to another formation that is equally as unstable.

In the short time since the political landscape in Alberta has changed, we've already seen a few aftershocks that are showing just how unstable things remain. The failure of representatives to pay heed to the wishes of their constituents on Bill 6 has been causing unnecessary aftershocks that are causing damage to an already unstable landscape.

Not to be left in the shaking and shifting of this new era in Alberta politics is the instability that has

taken a firm hold in the energy industry. With prices already at lows not seen for decades, the Alberta government is adding to the uncertainty by delaying their review on Alberta's energy royalties. The uncertainty is acting like a fault line that is moving Alberta further away from economic stability.

Alberta's Wildrose Official Opposition is striving to be the voice that brings common sense and stability to the Alberta taxpayers. Collectively Alberta's Opposition MLAs represent almost 80% of voters' votes that deserve to have their voice heard in the Legislature on matters that affect their lives.

As Wildrose Official Opposition members we are encouraged to express the views and opinions of our constituents by having the ability to vote freely in the house on Legislation without being tied to a party ideology. Wildrose remains the only party in Alberta that allows free votes in the Legislature.

The goal of the Wildrose Official Opposition in 2016 is to continue to hold the government to account and make sure that the 68% of Albertans are not drowned out by the 40%. In order to have democracy as it was intended, a voice other than that of those in power must be heard otherwise it is not democracy at all.

On behalf of the entire Wildrose Official Opposition caucus, we would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2016.

The above article was co-written by a small group of Official Opposition MLAs who each week get together to talk through a legislative policy issue. As part of the process, a short commentary is compiled and then edited.

CORRECTION

Incorrect information appeared in the story "A study for a new aquatic facility" that appeared on page 13 of the Jan. 12/2016 edition of the Western Review.

The total cost of the study is \$65,000 and a grant of \$47,500 reduces the total cost which is further split evenly between town and county totalling to 23,750 for each municipality.

The Western Review apologizes for the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

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Martha Latta
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The two detachments were able to determine some of the key players involved in break and enters and thefts taking place in the area.

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Arrests have been made and now the RCMP will link incidents to the suspects.

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suspects by both detachments and the police will link various suspects to the various incidents that took place in the area.

LOCAL BUSINESS
An alleged carjacking in Drayton Valley reported a break and enter on Jan. 10 at 7 a.m. When members attended they saw that some of the wedding equipment was taken overnight and there was damage to a car.

VEHICLE STOLEN
On Jan. 11 at 5 p.m. RCMP received a complaint about a black Dodge truck stolen from a residence on 88 St. The truck belonged to a local company.

CARD MACHINE STOLEN
On Jan. 11 at 7:15 a.m. a local hotel in Drayton Valley reported that the machine that swipes credit and debit cards was stolen.

The police were not able to catch them on location so they are investigating on trying to link the make that the people use at the store to the crime.

Members followed the footprints in the snow and they were able to recover the stolen property by locating the area where the suspects had trashed the stolen property.

The police are still investigating to find the suspects who committed the crime.

Another break and enter took place at an offsite distributor

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A single residential house had a fire in the back porch. No major damage was reported. The cause may have been a space heater.

BALE FIRE
Fire crews responded to a false call on Jan. 10 at the Orin place where someone had hit a bull with a hockey stick.

The crews were called immediately and asked to stand down.

A student pulled an alarm at the Evangeline Elementary School on Jan. 12. The school phoned fire members and they were stood down.

Another false call came from a restaurant that is set to open soon in Drayton Valley. The staff were checking the system and the alarm went off. The call was cancelled immediately.

HOUSE FIRE
Drayton Valley Fire and Rescue County Fire Services have a few tips for the public regarding

space heater safety at home or work.

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News

Yellowhead Regional Adult One Act Festival to be held in town

Justine Kimodan
Western Review

The River Valley Players (RVP) will be hosting this year's Yellowhead Regional Adult One Act Festival on April 23 at the Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre.

Allie Spicer-Riess, RVP secretary, said entries from nearby communities including Hinton, Whitewater, and Leduc will be in town for the regional one act competition.

"This is organized by the Alberta Drama Festival Association (ADFA). They divided Alberta up into regions. We are in the Yellowhead region and each region hosts its own one act festival usually around March or April," she said. "And then the winning

entries from each region go to the provincial one act festival which is held in May. From there, they pick the best piece, best actor, and so on and so forth."

"Solo artist or a group of actors may submit an entry for the competition."

"It is open to anyone who wishes to submit an entry. The piece has to be within 10 and 60 minutes long. There are certain rules and guidelines and participants have to be over the age of 18. However, they do make an exception as long as the majority of the participants of the piece are over 18 years old, they will allow someone under 18 to perform," Spicer-Riess said. "You could be a solo artist and put on a monologue. The piece could already be an established piece or it could be something that you found that you like

but there are strict rules and guidelines to follow. For example, any piece that you perform that was written by another person, you have to provide or prove that you bought the right to that piece in order to perform it."

Spicer-Riess encourages anyone interested in submitting an entry to the competition to contact her via e-mail at allspicer@hotmail.com.

"If you love theatre and if you enjoy watching theatre, this is an excellent opportunity," she said. "It is a wonderful way to make friends and network with other people. It is great for our community in that it puts the spotlight on Drayton Valley. We bring people in to town for the festival and they eat at local restaurants and stay in local hotels."

CIB brings third annual Lawn Chair Theatre

Justine Kimodan
Western Review

Lawn Chair Theatre is back in town on Jan. 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Mackenzie Conference Centre. The free event is being put on by Communities in Bloom, Jocelyn's Independent Grocers, and Town of Drayton Valley.

"Our Lawn Chair Theatre (the outdoor movie reinvented) has been an annual event for the past three years," said Communities in Bloom committee chair Susan Schwindt. "Join us for a free, family-oriented winter event as we present the Princess Bride." Popcorn and hot chocolate will be served at the event for free. Anyone interested in attending is asked to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets.

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However, the Western bridesmaid tradition seems to have originated from later Roman law, which required ten witnesses at a wedding in order to outsmart evil spirits believed to attend marriage ceremonies. The bridesmaids and ushers dressed in identical clothing to the bride and groom, so that the evil spirits wouldn't know who was getting married. Even as late as 19th century England,

the cause of three weddings), the evil spirits trying to disrupt the ceremony! And, although the bridal party no longer functions as a troop of foot soldiers, bridesmaid dresses are still commonly chosen in harmony with the look and feel of the wedding. The bridal party continues to serve a vital role in the wedding process, not by lending off hexes and robbers, but by providing key support staff and an advisory board. Besides being an

How Many Is Too Many?
There is one obvious answer. If the altar only fits a handful of people, you'll have to limit your number of bridesmaids! But, seriously, the first rule in determining how many bridesmaids is right for you is to coordinate the size of your wedding party with the size of the venue where your wedding is to take place. Although not the same, too many brides-

many as a dozen, but that is very rare). Semiformal and casual weddings can have just one bridesmaid - the maid of honor - but typically have about three to five. And don't worry if the groom has more ushers than you have bridesmaids: Ushers can always double up in the recessional. Of course, the final decision rests with you, the bride, but remember that the closer

calls! However, there are no rules prescribing the right people to choose and there is no particularly right way to ask; it's entirely up to you. In general, your bridesmaids should be your sociable and engaging friends and family members, since many of their duties (in addition to organizational ones) will involve hosting, greeting and interacting with guests.

the groom, but before you get ready to announce your bridesmaid nominees, you should be well aware of the bridesmaids' responsibilities, so you can be sure your bridal party can handle their duties. Once you have made your decision, an easy way to "pop the question" is a bridesmaid card.

How to host a uniquely Canadian wedding

the rich tapestry of Canada's cultural heritage," says George Green, vice-president of heritage conservation and commemorations at Parks Canada. "They enable us to celebrate and experience our history in special ways."

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Feathers, floral lace applique the new trends for 2016 wedding dresses

designers used to civilise their collection and it was pretty apparent with the array of deep plunging necklines, thigh-high Angelina Jolie-esque slits, and keyhole's at the armpits. Even the few pantwaits that walked the runway had a powerful feel to them.

Last but not least, the designers gravitated towards soft details that create extreme contrast and fluidity. Feathers were found on a lot of gowns, whether it was at the hemline, under the bustline, or as a subtle embellishment. Wave details, too, topped with swirling patterns that created a sense of movement and flow. Tiered skirts came back in a big way with flowing layers of tulle, silk and floral creations, a grand finale for many of the designers' collections.



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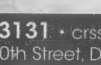
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News

AHS offers workshops

Trying to make resolutions for the New Year? AHS has programs by the Alberta Health Services that will help with maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Workshops offered are part of Alberta Healthy Living program offered throughout the province including Drayton Valley.

"Alberta Healthy Living program is an interactive community based chronic disease management program and the health conditions like diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure," said Geraldine MacKinnon, Diabetes Care Specialist Registered Nurse and Ulster Health Educator for the Alberta Healthy Living Program.

There is a variety of workshops to help people with chronic disease management and the workshops help people become aware of their own health.

Some statistics show that 30 per cent of Albertans have reported at least one of the chronic health condition and that number increases over 75 per cent for people who are 65 or older.

"So you can see chronic disease is quite prevalent in our society. So the program helps Albertans and people from Drayton Valley with

patient education, disease specific and healthy lifestyle education," said MacKinnon.

Some workshops include Better Choices Better Health, designed to help people develop skills to overcome the physical and emotional challenges of living with long term health conditions such as diabetes, chronic pain, obesity, depression cancer among others.

Another workshop called Creating Change is a how-to workshop for changing your relationship with food and gaining control of eating habits.

Other choices include Diabetes for Change Healthy Lifestyle Time to Move, Healthy Life style Sleep Well, etc. A Weight Wise series of workshops that will cover managing hunger and appetite, tips to reduce calories, weight management etc.

Programs start in January and are ongoing throughout the year. All workshops are free of charge and run mostly at the Drayton Valley Hospital along with other locations such as the Rural Care Network building.

"Workshops are run by dietitians, educators, physiotherapists, registered nurses, and we have community partners like the Primary Care Network in Drayton Valley," said MacKinnon.

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POSTMEDIA

Drayton Valley hosts Mites, Initiation tourney

Cathy Westman
Western Review

At times, the games looked more like dominoes than hockey but all the skaters aged four to six appeared to have a great time at the Drayton Valley Mites Initiation tournament held January 9 and 10 at Omniplex 1 and 2.

Thirteen teams from Drayton Valley and surrounding areas to the east and west were to take part in the two-day tournament, including Stony Plain Predators, Stony Plain Justice League, Leduc Roughnecks, Devan Drillers, Winfield Mighty Ducks, Whitecourt Warriors, Rocky Tornadoes, DV Trican Ty Tanks, DV CFI Snipers, DV Monarch Mighty Minions, DV Ardent Avengers and DV Timbits Tigers.

Saturday's action began with the DV Ardent facing off against the Devan Drillers in Omniplex 2. The Drayton Valley team were down 0-4 until about halfway in the first period until they scored their first goal and tied the game at the end of

the second period 6-6. Goal scoring in the third period came fast and furious as each team racked up goals with the final score in favour of the home team 10-9.

Next door in Omniplex 1, DV CFI battled it out with Stony Plain and with one second left in the game, CFI scored to end the game in a 12-1 tie. The Monarch team followed this game and won with a 6-1 victory over the Mayenthorpe Mustangs.

The Drayton Valley Timbits took to the ice at 11 a.m. to play against the Stony Plain Predators on a much smaller ice surface. Drayton Valley led the scoring for all of the game, finishing with a 10-6 score over the Predators. The Tim Bits team played Winfield later in the day.

the following day, the DV Monarch played Whitecourt and finished the tournament with a game against Leduc 4 for the medals. At the end of the game, the Monarch won with a 10-7 score to take home gold medals, while the Leduc team brought home silver.



(Above photograph) The Drayton Valley Monarch Minions and their coaches display their gold medals won at the Mites Initiation tournament held at the Omniplex January 9 and 10. Thirteen teams from Drayton Valley and surrounding area took part in the event for hockey players aged four to six years old. (Bottom left photograph) It was the battle of the Tim Bits players at the Omniplex. This game took place on Saturday afternoon between the Drayton Valley Tim Bits Tigers and the Stony Plain Tim Bits team. The local team came out on top.

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Wildcats team folds

Western Review with files from Ed Moore
Bureau Chief

The Drayton Valley Wildcats Hockey team will be forfeiting their last three games of the 2015-16 North Central Hockey League (NCHL) season. The decision to drop out of the season "was made official on Jan. 3.

According to the Drayton Valley Wildcats president, Lanny Patten, this is due to the lack of financial support to the team and lack of commitment from team players.

"We did not have enough players to go to the games right before Christmas and that costs us money. (It costs us money every time) we couldn't show up (to a game)," Patten said. "We have a board of directors that decided we did not have the funds to take the chance of that happening again because we have problems getting proper commitment all year, so the board of directors just voted unanimously to cancel the season rather than spreading the rest of our funds for the rest of the year."

"Work is one of the reasons that keeps the Wildcats players from attending the games."

"If guys haven't worked for a week, they choose work over the games," said NCHL president George Vanberg. "They have to support their families."

When asked how everyone involved in the hockey team feels about the decision, Patten said no one was happy about it but the decision was made for the best.

"No one was overly happy about it," he said. "No one wants to start something and not finish it but it is a decision made by multiple people and it was the best one for the organization all together."

Despite only winning one game and not continuing with the season, Patten said he is grateful for every one who made this season possible for the Wildcats.

"I would like to thank all the volunteers and everybody that have helped make the season possible and hopefully there will be a team next year," he said.

Playing field uneven for Canadian female athletes

By Ed Moore
Bureau Chief

(NC) It can be difficult for many elite athletes to find sufficient funding to allow them to train full-time. That said, it is arguably most difficult for women in Canada. This inequality is exemplified through the professionally-run Canadian Women's Hockey League (CWHL), featuring some of the world's best players. The CWHL plays an essential role in developing and shining a light on female hockey players yet all of these athletes go unpaid.

According to data from the Canadian Association for Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity (CAAWS), women, not just in hockey, are severely under-represented in sports funding: 99.8 per cent of sponsorship dollars in the sports industry go to male sports - leaving a mere 0.4 per cent of sponsorship dollars allocated towards females.

While many female athletes receive a stipend from the government for being top-ranked amateurs, it's simply not enough to live on. As a result, it is normal for all female athletes to carry part-time or full-time jobs, on top of their extensive training and game schedules.

However, major strides are being made, as the CWHL has plans to begin paying players in the 2017/18 season.

"I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to play and develop my skills with the CWHL," says Natalie Spooner, forward, Toronto Furies. "With the support of my coaches and the continued heightened competitive stakes of the league, I am continually challenged to be a better player and teammate."

As champions of healthy living and playing an active role in their communities, Canada's dairy farmers are addressing these inequalities through an initiative named Fueling Women Champions (FWC). FWC is dedicated to advancing women in sport and helping to see that no hurdle exists that might hinder passion for sports. Through the initiative, Canada's dairy farmers have partnered with CWHL and champion hockey player Natalie Spooner, among other community organizations and female athletes, to build exposure and fandom for female sports. FWC hosts multiple grassroots events across Canada.

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Sports

Jeff Erickson wins fifth Grand Challenge

Cathy Weetman
Western Review

For the fifth time throughout its 51 year history, Drayton Valley resident Jeff Erickson again won the Grand Challenge at the end of the Pembina Oilmen's Borspiel held January 7 to 10.

The only other person to do so is Bruce Clemmer, former club president. When asked what his secret was for winning the spiel, Erickson replied, "Lots of good friends, a good team and lots of beer. He previously won the Grand Challenge in 2005, 2008,

2012 and 2013.

Curling Club president Gale Kuzio said there were 40 teams in this year's spiel, down slightly from the year before when the 50th anniversary of the Oilmen's Borspiel was held. This year teams came from not only Drayton Valley but also Red Deer and Whitecourt. Cory Nelson, club secretary/treasurer, said curling began January 7 at 3 p.m. and continued to January 10 when the battle for the top four events began. A shuffleboard competition took place Friday night, followed by a supper and dance on Saturday.

Winners of each of the four events were as follows:

Grand Challenge - Skip Jeff Erickson, Third Curtis Carter, Second Nathan Edwards and Lead Trent Walz. Second Event - Skip Mike Landry, Third Dale Parrisholt, Second Morgan Hyves and Lead Trevor Werberli. Third Event - The Eagle River Team (they didn't stay around after their win, so we don't know their names).

Fourth Event - Skip Brian Grams, Third Wayne Thomas, Second Brandon Melin and Lead Jodi Wilcox. An Ugly Sweater Mound Borspiel is coming up on January 29 and 30, followed by a Junior Spiel February 5 to 7, the Ladies Spiel February 26 to 28 and the Zorn Memorial Spiel from March 18 to 20.



Cathy Weetman Western Review
Jeff Erickson and his team hold the Pembina Oilmen's Grand Challenge trophy on January 10.



Cathy Weetman Western Review
The Second Event winners hold up their trophy at the end of the Pembina Oilmen's Borspiel.



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The Fourth Event winners from the Pembina Oilmen's Borspiel hold up their trophy.

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News

Recreation and culture survey

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

The Town of Drayton Valley has a survey up on its website as part of process to develop a Recreation and Culture Master plan.

No interview was provided to the Western Review by the town but some information was shared via e-mail.

One of the key processes to come up with a plan is to understand how community fees about its existing programs and facilities and understand the priorities for the future and allocate resources accordingly. The survey will help the town understand where the community stands and will help the town to proceed further.

The survey includes six multiple choice questions and a seventh question to add comments and feedback. The survey will be available on the town's website until Jan. 31.

The town shared some early results from the survey which may change later as the survey comes to a completion.

Some numbers shared suggest 45 per cent of respondents supported a tax increase anywhere between one and five per cent to fund and operate new or existing facilities.

When asked about what new facility the Town of Drayton Valley should make a priority, 50% of the respondents rated the pool as the highest priority.

About 85 per cent of the people taking the survey were from the Town of Drayton Valley.

Town council minutes and videos

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

Drayton Valley administration say they strive to get videos, agenda and meeting minutes running online in a timely fashion.

A Drayton Valley resident had recently pointed out that the town minutes and videos aren't always up-to-date. On Dec. 28 he noted that both videos and meeting minutes online were from the month of October and nothing from November was posted.

When the Western Review asked the town about the discrepancy, Communication

and Marketing Coordinator Tyler Russell said the town was experiencing technical issues recently.

"We have had some technical issues in the last few months and we're happy to note they have been resolved and will make sure they are available to the public as soon as they are available," said Russell.

The current protocol for putting meeting minutes online is to get them approved first, which can only happen at a following town council meeting. The approval process of the minutes ensures amendments are made before putting

them online. "So in regards to the Dec 9 meeting they will be available on the website as soon as they have been approved at the Jan. 6 meeting," said Russell while using an example.

As far as videos are concerned, Russell said those would be up as soon as possible.

The videos need to be converted and uploaded as soon as we can and we have had some technical issues that have needed to be addressed and we are now looking to get them up to date as we can as soon as possible," he said.

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Recreation and culture survey

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The Town of Drayton Valley has a survey up on its website as part of process to develop a Recreation and Culture Master plan.

No interview was provided to the Western Review by the town but some information was shared via email.

One of the key processes to come up with a plan is to understand how community feels about its existing programs and facilities and understand the priorities for the future and allocate resources accordingly. The survey will help the town understand where the community stands and will help the town to proceed further.

The survey includes six multiple choice questions and a seventh question to add comments and feedback. The survey will be available on the town's website until Jan. 31.

The town shared some early results from the survey which may change later as the survey comes to a completion.

Some numbers shared suggest 45 per cent of respondents supported a tax increase anywhere between one and five per cent to fund and operate new or existing facilities.

When asked about what new facility the Town of Drayton Valley should make a priority, 50 per cent of the respondents rated the pool as the highest priority.

About 85 per cent of the people taking the survey were from the Town of Drayton Valley.

Town council minutes and videos

Mamta Lulla
Western Review

Drayton Valley administration say they strive to get videos, agenda and meeting minutes running online in a timely fashion.

A Drayton Valley resident had recently pointed out that the town minutes and videos are always up to date. On Dec. 28 he noted that both videos and meeting minutes online were from the month of October and nothing from November was posted.

When the Western Review asked the town about the discrepancy, Communi-

cations and Marketing coordinator Tyler Russell said the town was experiencing technical issues recently.

"We have had some technical issues in the last few months and are happy to note they have been resolved and will make sure they are available to the public as soon as they are available," said Russell.

The current protocol of putting meeting minutes online is to get them approved first, which can only happen at a following town council meeting. The approval process of the minutes ensures amendments are made before putting

them online.

"So in regards to the Dec 9 meeting they will be available on the website as soon as they have been approved at the Jan. 6 meeting," said Russell while using an example.

As far as videos are concerned, Russell said those would be up as soon as possible.

"The videos need to be converted and uploaded as soon as we can and we have had some technical issues that have needed to be addressed and we are now looking to get them as up to date as we can as soon as possible," he said.

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